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Subject: RE: IPP Activities during Pandemic
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:11:00 PM

Hi Becky,

Just getting caught up with emails from my vacation. Hang in there, you are not alone in this situation. Good luck with the next few weeks and thanks for reaching out and keep us informed on the issues.

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Subject: IPP Activities during Pandemic

Mark and Jay,

Out of an abundance of caution during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suspended all Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) field activities- including all inspections and sampling, until further notice. It is unclear how long our inspection and sampling suspension will be in place, hopefully we will have a better idea in the upcoming weeks. There appears to be a realistic chance that this suspension of inspections and sampling will be in effect through the end of our fiscal year (June 30, 2020). Through this week, we were ahead of schedule for completing our SIU sampling for the fiscal year and we were on track to inspect all SIU facilities at least once. At our current rate, we would have met our goals for the year by June 30, 2020, but whether we are able to complete the IPP requirements now depends upon how quickly the pandemic situation resolves. Our IPP practices also require inspections for many but not all permitting activities. Curtailing inspections may also lead to permit issuance delays. We will continue to work to limit the impact to the IPP, but I want to let you know that we anticipate impacts.

As you know, Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth on March 10, 2020 and the President declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020. In light of these events and the COVID-19 pandemic, I am looking to you for guidance on how EPA intends to handle compliance with federal IPP regulations. The pandemic is outside of our control and our current focus is on the health and safety of MWRA's employees.

Thank you,

Becky

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